## NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

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## SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS											
SOIL DESCRIPTION GRADATION							ROCK DESCRIPTION TERMS AND DEFINITIONS				
SOIL IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE UNCONS WHICH CAN BE PENETRATED WITH A CON 100 BLOWS PER FOUT ACCORDING TO ST. CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE AASH CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE AS MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, ANGULA VER STRF. GAW SUTY CL	ITINUOUS FLIGHT POWER AUGER, AND WI ANDARD PENETRATION TEST (AASHTO T ITO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS E, AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER	HICH YIELDS LESS THAN (206, ASTM D-1586), SOIL GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE: PERTINENT FACTORS SUCH MPLE:	WELL GRADED- INDICATES A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF PARTICLE SIZES FROM FINE TO COARSE UNIFORM- INDICATES THAT SOIL PARTICLES ARE ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE. (ALSO POORLY GRADED- INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES.  ANGULARITY OF GRAINS  THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF SOIL GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS; ANGULAR, SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED.			HARD ROCK IS NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT WHEN TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL, AN INFERRED ROCK LINE INDICATES THE LEVEL AT WHICH NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL. SPT REFUSAL IS PENETRATION BY A SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PER 60 BLOWS, IN NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL. THE TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL AND ROCK IS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZONE OF WEATHERED ROCK.  ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLOWS:  WEATHERED  ROCK (WR)  NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS PER FOOT.			ALLUYIUM (ALLUY.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER.  AQUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA,  ARENACEOUS - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND,  ARGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS,  OR HAVING A NOTABLE PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC.		
SOIL LEGEN	D AND AASHTO CLASSIF	ICATION		MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION		CRYSTALLINE	FINE TO C	COARSE GRAIN IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHI		ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL AT WHICH IS IS ENCOUNTERED, BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO OR ABOVE THE	
GENERAL GRANULAR MATERIALS SILT-CLAY MATERIALS ORGANIC MATERIALS (195% PASSING *200) (195% PASSING *200)			MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS QUARTZ, FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USED IN DESCRIPTIONS WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF STONIFICANCE.			ROCK (CR) WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED, ROCK TYPE INCLUDES GRANITE, GNEISS, GABBRO, SCHIST, ETC.			GROUND SURFACE.  CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE.		
GROUP A-1 A-3	A-2 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-2-5 A-2-6 A-2-7 A-7	-7 A-1, A-2 A-4, A-5 7-5 A-3 A-6, A-7	SLIGHTLY COMPRESSI		LESS THAN 30	NON-CRYSTALLINE ROCK (NCR)	SEDIMENTA	FINE TO COARSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-COASTAL PLAIN  SEDIMENTARY ROCK THAT WOULD YEILD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TYPE		COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM OF SLOPE.	
SYMBOL 000000000000000000000000000000000000			MODERATELY COMPRES HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE	LIQUID LIMIT	GREATER THAN 50	COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTARY ROCK (CP)		PLAIN SEDIMENTS CEMENTED INTO ROCK, SAL. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, S SE ETC.		CORE RECOVERY (REC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL MATERIAL RECOVERED IN THE CORE BARREL DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.	
Z PASSING * 10 50 MX		GRANULAR SILT-	ODCANIC MATERIAL	PERCENTAGE OF MATERIA  CRANULAR SILT- CLAY			T T T T STEEL DEL	WEATHERING		DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK.	
# 40 30 MX 50 MX 51 MN # 200 15 MX 25 MX 10 MX 35 MX 35	MX 35 MX 35 MX 36 MN 36 MN 36 MN 36	SOILS I COLL I PEAT			<u>OTHER MATERIAL</u> ACE 1 - 10% TLE 10 - 20%		RESH, CRYSTALS BRIGHT, F	EW JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAINING	ROCK RINGS UNDER	DIP - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE HORIZONTAL.	
	MN 40 MX41 MN 40 MX 41 MN 40 MX 41 MX 11 MN 11 MN 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 H	ITTLE OR HIGHLY		5 - 10% 12 - 20% SOI		(V. SLI.) CRYSTA		STAINED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIN IN FACE SHINE BRIGHTLY, ROCK RINGS U		DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH,	
GROUP INDEX 0 0 0  USUAL TYPES STONE FRAGS. FINE SILTY	4 MX 8 MX 12 MX 16 MX No  OR CLAYEY SILTY CLAYE	MX MODERATE ORGANIC SOILS	✓ WATER LE	GROUND WATER  VEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER	DRILLING.	SLIGHT ROCK O	ENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS	STAINED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS IN CLAY. IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OC		<u>FAULT</u> - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE SIDES RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE.	
	L AND SAND SOILS SOILS		STATIC WA	TER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS.		CRYSTA	LS ARE DULL AND DISCOL	ORED, CRYSTALLINE ROCKS RING UNDER SHOW DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING	HAMMER BLOWS.	FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES.	
GEN, RATING AS A EXCELLENT TO GO	OOD FAIR TO POOR	FAIR TO POOR UNSUITABLE	<u> </u>	WATER, SATURATED ZONE OR WATER BEAF	RING STRATA	(MOD.) GRANIT	DID ROCKS, MOST FELDSPA	RS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME SH WS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF S	HOW CLAY, ROCK HAS	FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM PARENT MATERIAL.	
SUBGRADE P.I. OF A-7-5	  ≤ L.L 30 : P.I. 0F A-7-6 > L		SPRING OR	SEEPAGE		WITH F	RESH ROCK.			FLOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY THE STREAM.	
CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS			MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS			MODERATELY ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED. IN GRANITOID ROCKS, ALL FELDSPARS DULL SEVERE AND DISCOLORED AND A MAJORITY SHOW KAOLINIZATION, ROCK SHOWS SEVERE LOSS OF STRENGTH (MOD. SEV.) AND CAN BE EXCAVATED WITH A GEOLOGIST'S PICK, ROCK GIVES 'CLUNK' SOUND WHEN STRUCK,			FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN THE FIELD.		
PRIMARY SOIL TYPE COMPACTN			ROADWAY EMBANKM	Campuri den 1E31 DURII	NG SAMPLE DESIGNATIONS	IF TES	TED, WOULD YIELD SPT RE	FUSAL		JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED.	
GENERALLY VERY LOSE	00SE <4		SOIL SYMBOL	AUGER BORING	S- BULK SAMPLE	(SEV.) IN STR	ENGTH TO STRONG SOIL. I	COLORED OR STAINED, ROCK FABRIC CLEA IN GRANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS AR		LEDCE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO ITS LATERAL EXTENT.	
MATERIAL MEDIUM	DENSE 10 TO 30	. N/A	ARTIFICIAL FILL O		SS- SPLIT SPOON		TED. YIELDS SPT N VALUE	FRONG ROCK USUALLY REMAIN. 'S > 100 BPF		LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS.	
VERY DE	ENSE >50		ROADWAY EMBANKMI	Şs	SAMPLE ST- SHELBY TUBE			LORED OR STAINED. ROCK FABRIC ELEMI CED TO SOIL STATUS, WITH ONLY FRAGM		MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS, MOTTLING IN SOILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AFRATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE.	
GENERALLY SOFT	2 TO 4	<0.25 0.25 TO 0.5	SUISINE INFERRED ROCK LII	MONITORING WE	LL SAMPLE RS- ROCK SAMPLE			AMPLE OF ROCK WEATHERED TO A DEGRE K FABRIC REMAIN. <i>IF TESTED, YIELDS</i>		<u>PERCHED WATER</u> - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN INTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM.	
SILT-CLAY MEDIUM MATERIAL STIFF	8 TO 15	0.5 TO 1 1 TO 2	TTTTT ALLUVIAL SOIL BO	△ PIEZUMETER	RT- RECOMPACTED			ABRIC NOT DISCERNIBLE, OR DISCERNIBLE		RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK.	
(COHESIVE) VERY ST		2 TO 4 >4	25/025 DIP/DIP DIRECTION	SLOPE INDICATO	OR TRIAXIAL SAMPLE  CBR - CBR SAMPLE		N EXAMPLE.		MINGERS. SHPROLITE IS	ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R.O.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND	
TE	EXTURE OR GRAIN SIZE		ROCK STRUCTURES	ROCK STRUCTURES  SPT N-VALUE			ROCK HARDNESS			EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.  SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE	
U.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE 4 10 40 60 200 270 OPENING (MM) 4,76 2.0 0,42 0,25 0,075 0.053			SOUNDING ROD     REF SPT REFUSAL			VERY HARD CANNOT BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR SHARP PICK. BREAKING OF HAND SPECIMENS REQUIRES SEVERAL HARD BLOWS OF THE GEOLOGISTS PICK.			PARENT ROCK.  SILL - AN INTRUSIVE BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND		
BOULDER COBBLE GF	RAVEL COARSE F	INE SILT CLAY	AR - AUGER REFUS	ABBREVIATIONS  AL PMT - PRESS	JREMETER TEST	TO DE	TACH HAND SPECIMEN.	R PICK ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY, HARD H		TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS	
(BLDR.) (COB.) (GR.) (CSE. SD.) (F. SD.) (SL.) (CL.)  GRAIN MM 305 75 2.0 0.25 0.05 0.005		BT - BORING TERMINATED SD SAND, SANDY CL CLAY SL SILT, SILTY			MODERATELY CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK. GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 0.25 INCHES DEEP CAN BE HARD EXCAVATED BY HARD BLOW OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK, HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED BY MODERATE BLOWS.				SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR SLIP PLANE.		
SIZE IN. 12" 3"	URE - CORRELATION OF	TERMS	CPT - CONE PENETRATION TEST SLI SLIGHTLY CSE COARSE TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL DMT - DILATOMETER TEST			MEDIUM CAN BE GROOVED OR GOUGED 0.05 INCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT.  HARD CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PEICES I INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE			STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N OR B.P.F.) OF 4 140 LB. HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 1 FOOT INTO SOIL WITH A 2 INCH OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER, SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN 3L FOOT PENETRATION		
SOIL MOISTURE SCALE FIELD MOISTURE GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION  OFFICE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT			DMT - DILATOMETER TEST  DPT - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST  - VOID RATIO  DMT - DILATOMETER TEST  - UNIT WEIGHT  - VOID RATIO			POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK.  SOFT CAN BE GROVED OR GOUGED READILY BY KNIFE OR PICK, CAN BE EXCAVATED IN FRAGMENTS			WITH 60 BLOWS.		
(ATTERBERG LIMITS)	L	r LIQUID; VERY WET, USUALLY	F FINE FOSS FOSSILIFER	w - MOISTURE POUS V VERY	CONTENT	FROM		S IN SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF A F		STRATA CORE RECOVERY (SREC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.	
LL LIQUID LIMIT (SAT.) FROM BELOW THE GROUND WATER TABLE			FRACI, - FRACTURED VST - VANE SHEAR TEST FRAGS, - FRAGMENTS MED MEDIUM			VERY CAN BE CARVED WITH KNIFE. CAN BE EXCAVATED READILY WITH POINT OF PICK, PIECES I INCH SOFT OR MORE IN THICKNESS CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE, CAN BE SCRATCHED READILY BY FINGERNALL.				STRATA ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.O.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS WITHIN A STRATUM EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 10 CENTIMETERS DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.	
RANGE <		LID:REQUIRES DRYING TO OPTIMUM MOISTURE	EQUI	PMENT USED ON SUBJECT F	PROJECT	L	RE SPACING	BEDD1	ING	TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER.	
PLL PLASTIC LIMIT			DRILL UNITS:	ADVANCING TOOLS:	HAMMER TYPE:	TERM	SPACING	TERM  VERY THICKLY BEDDED	THICKNESS > 4 FEET	BENCH MARK: BL-2 REBAR WITH CAP	
OM OPTIMUM MOISTURE SL SHRINKAGE LIMIT	- MOIST - (M) SOLID;	AT OR NEAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE	MOBILE B	CLAY BITS	AUTOMATIC MANUAL	VERY WIDE WIDE	MORE THAN 10 FEE 3 TO 10 FEET	THICKLY BEDDED THINLY BEDDED	1.5 - 4 FEET 0.16 - 1.5 FEET	86.47 FEET RT. OF -L- STA. 15+51.40  ELEVATION: 129.45 FRET	
		S ADDITIONAL WATER TO	BK-51	6° CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER	CORE SIZE:	MODERATELY CLOS CLOSE VERY CLOSE	E 1 TO 3 FEET 0.16 TO 1 FEET LESS THAN 0.16 FE	VERY THINLY BEDDED THICKLY LAMINATED	0.03 - 0.16 FEET 0.008 - 0.03 FEET	NOTES:	
	PLASTICITY	OPTIMUM MOISTURE		8' HOLLOW AUGERS	□-в			INDURATION	< 0.008 FEET		
PLASTICITY INDEX (PI) DRY STRENGTH			CME-45B HARD FACED FINGER BITS Number of TUNG-CARBIDE INSERTS			FOR SEDIMENTARY ROCKS, INDURATION IS THE HARDENING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC.					
PLASTICITY	Ø-5 6-15	VERY LOW SLIGHT	CME-550	CASING W/ ADVANCER	H	FRIABLE		BBING WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS G NTLE BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRATES			
J. PLASTICITY   HIGH PLASTICITY	16-25 26 OR MORE	MEDIUM HIGH	PORTABLE HOIST	TRICONE 2 15/16 · STEEL TEETH	HAND TOOLS:  POST HOLE DIGGER	MODERATEL	r INDURATED GR	AINS CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMPLE			
	COLOR		OTHER	OTHER TRICONE TUNGCARB. HAND AUGER		INDURATED		EAKS EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMMER. AINS ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE WITH	4 STEEL PRORE.		
DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN, RED, YEL-BRN, BLUE-GRAY) MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEARANCE.			OTHER	CORE BIT	SOUNDING ROD  VANE SHEAR TEST		DI	FFICULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER.			
FIODIFICAS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK	, SIREHNED, CIC. HRE USED IU DE	OUNIDE HETEAKANUE.		OTHER	OTHER	EXTREMELY		IARP HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO BREAM IMPLE BREAKS ACROSS GRAINS.	K SAMPLE;		
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